

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. ~~A bariatric bed having a frame and a patient surface atop the frame for supporting~~
a mattress, wherein the frame comprises:
- an articulation mechanism for articulating the patient surface from a relatively horizontal, lying position to a seated position;
 - a raise-and-lower mechanism for generally raising and lowering the entire patient surface relative to a floor-engaging portion of the frame; and
 - controls for tilting the patient surface lengthwise to provided Trendelenburg and reverse Trendelenburg capabilities.

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